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1. Many buildings in Harbin, especially those belonging to Americans or British, are now occupied by the Communists.
2. The former American Consulate and the home of a British subject named Watson, who died in a Japanese internment camp, are used to house Communist troops, while the former British Consulate has been converted to other uses.
3. St. Ursula's Convent, a huge building, is now occupied by only fifteen or twenty Communist soldiers. The building which formerly housed the Girls' Commercial High School is used by a Chinese Railway School, and the Boys' Commercial High School building has been partially destroyed and is not habitable.
4. Soviet residents rarely occupy foreign property, but they have taken over the horse-breeding farm of an American, Louis Wulfson, and have converted it into a riding school which is under the control of the Railway Administration.
5. The Sungari Flour Mills and the Sung Ho Hsing Flour Mills are working 24 hours a day, and their entire production is being delivered to the Chinese Communist Government at Chiamussu for disposal. The Lopato (Lopatau) tobacco factory (formerly British-American Tobacco) is also working at full capacity, and its entire output is also being delivered to the Chinese Communists at Chiamussu.

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